

## **RESOLUTION RS2018-1222**

**A resolution requesting that Governor Bill Haslam veto HB2315, which would prohibit state and local governmental entities from adopting sanctuary policies.**

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, the Tennessee General Assembly passed HB2315; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would prevent Tennessee cities and counties from enacting so-called "sanctuary city" policies aimed at protecting undocumented immigrants from detention by local law enforcement agencies ostensibly enforcing federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, state law already requires state and local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law, and currently no sanctuary city exists in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, this legislation would encourage divisiveness, foster further animosity, and render communities less safe by discouraging undocumented immigrants from reporting crimes and otherwise engaging with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, this law would constitute an unfunded mandate to local law enforcement agencies, increasing their operational burdens with federal law enforcement responsibilities while providing no additional compensation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has the potential to increase racial profiling by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council wishes to join the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education and Chief of Police Steve Anderson in urging Governor Haslam to veto this legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as respectfully requesting that Governor Bill Haslam veto HB2315.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Haslam.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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